



The Magic & Illusion Show Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome back

This Month

As always we have lots of private shows scheduled.

Our Public shows include:

* Feb 21st an illusion show in Ruckersville, VA

Show will start at 7:30 at William Monroe High School

* Feb 27th an illusion show in South Boston, VA

Show will start at 7:30 at Halifax County High School

* Feb 28th an illusion show in Preston, MD

Show will start at 2:00 & 5:00 at Preston Elementary School



Me and Natalie after our show for Bombardier in their private box at Redskins stadium a.k.a. Fed-Ex Field

No public shows scheduled for March as of now

For more info about any of our shows please feel free to call us toll free at 1 877 987 4201 anytime.

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Who is this guy?

Nathan Burton: you may know him from season 1 of America's Got Talent. Burton says he was bitten by the magic bug at the age of 4. That's when he decided to do a trick for his class in kindergarten, although he says nothing went as planned, he was hooked. Since then he has won several magic awards in international competitions. He got a big break when he got a chance to perform on the World's Greatest Magic TV show. This brought his magic to a whole new audience. He did such a good job he was asked to come back and perform on part 3. After that he became more sought after and went on to perform in Atlantic City at the Showboat Hotel & Casino.



Who is this guy? (Cont.)

He then went on to work in Europe & Germany's famed Winter Garden Variety as well as TV appearances worldwide. In 2000 he got a 1 year contract to perform in South Korea where he vanished an elephant nightly. Then he came back home to America to work in Vegas where he has been ever since. In 2005 he starred in Wayne Newton The Entertainer on TV & then in 2006 America's Got Talent. Now home in Vegas he has worked continually, although the venues have changed from Harrah's to Venetian to Aladdin. Most recently he signed a contract to perform in the Flamingo in his own show called "Nathan Burton's Comedy Magic".

His show is very original, for example he makes a cop disappear in a toilet, or when he gets hand cuffed and placed in a large microwave oven not only does he escape from the cuffs but he turns into a black man with charred clothing who can now dance.

He has also attempted a couple of publicity stunts in Vegas. He was encased in a giant letter M made of ice for 24 hours and he was hoisted in a glass box above the strip for 7 whole days; both in the company of beautiful show girls.

Natalie & I saw him in Vegas and met him after the show. He was very cool and spoke with us for a while about magic. Although he had to be back on stage in the next couple of minutes he was very cool about autographs and posing for pictures with everyone.

See his microwave of death and other videos on youtube.com



The Magic & Illusion Show at Nandua High School

On January 9th Natalie and I performed for the 3rd year in a row at Nandua High School. The show went great with a packed house and a guaranteed booking to come back next year. The sponsors made great money off of ticket sales and they also ran a 50/ 50 raffle. Natalie and I signed autographs and posed for pictures for over an hour after the show. Check out this testimonial from our contact for this show: *Thanks Wes & Natalie, The show was fantastic! This has become an anticipated event for Accomac county. The show is great, you guys are great. Everyone was thrilled with the show. We know that whenever you guys come everyone will have a good time and we will be able to raise the money we need for our fundraiser. I would recommend you guys to anyone looking to increase their revenue in an easy and entertaining way!!*

Thanks for a great time, see you guys again next year!



Magic News / Mishap could have been fatal ~ twice

A mentalist known only as Amelia had to be cut free from a tank of water after she unsuccessfully attempted an escape stunt on the German version of Uri Geller's reality competition show. Then just a couple of days after this surfaced it happened again, but with a different female escape artist named Kristen Johnson, this time in America and at a half time show at a basketball game. I personally have seen both videos and yes both ladies make it out alive, but each video is worse than the next. Here are the clips they are not for the squeamish!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMqMHZGavdE>

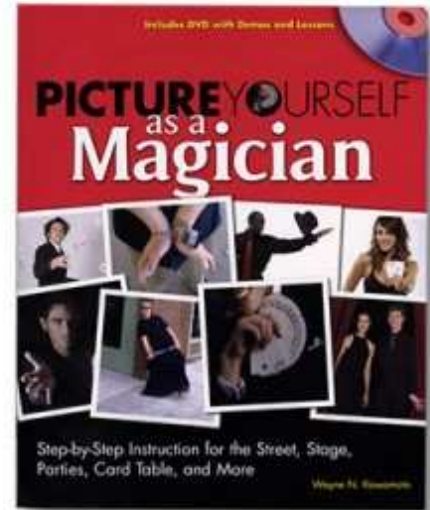
The second video has already been removed from youtube due to complaints.



Wayne Kawamoto's new book: Picture Yourself As A Magician

If you are a beginner and looking for a good book on magic I would definitely recommend **Picture Yourself As A Magician** by a friend of mine named Wayne Kawamoto. This book is more than 280 pages of magic with great descriptions and many, many color photos to help you along. One of the best parts of this book is the fact that it comes with a DVD that teaches you magic and helps you learn what you just read. By breaking down the book into lessons it makes sure to teach the student and not overwhelm. This book teaches basic card handling, basic slight of hand with cards, card tricks with a regular deck and trick decks, coin magic, mind reading tricks, stand up & stage magic, street magic, escape magic, several variations of levitating, and much more.

This book sells for \$29.95 in book stores.



Party Magic News

Partymagic.us has been our web site for several years now and although it has always been something of a work in progress Natalie and I are determined to make it something worth bragging about. The changes that are underway include a new magic shop to buy and learn magic, a link to newsletters in the archives, and much more. We strive at Party Magic to be the best and most professional we can be and we are now trying to make our web site reflect that also.

Keep checking back for new and fun surprises that are in the works at partymagic.us

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Entertainment news / Siegfried & Roy's comeback show

February 28th at the Power of Love fundraiser to benefit the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, Siegfried and Roy will take the stage for a one-night-only comeback. One night only Siegfried and Roy will be performing magic for a fundraiser. Tickets are from \$1,500.00 to \$7,500.00. The show will take place in Vegas and not only will you see an amazing show, the food is sure to also be amazing with Wolfgang Puck as one of the chefs. This event is by invitation only!



John Calvert - still performing at 97 years old

John Calvert is America's oldest performing magician. He does over 300 shows and lectures a year. John has been in more than 40 movies. He has driven a speed boat blindfolded on TV, also flown a plane blindfolded, and he stunt doubled for Clark Gable. He is just as tough today as he was back then. John Calvert was born in 1911. The true Renaissance man John has done it all. He has traveled all around the world piloting his own planes and boats. In fact he has traveled across the Atlantic in eleven days. He and his wife Tammy were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard after they rode out hurricane Wilma on their 67 foot boat in Florida. John says magic has given him everything he has ever needed in life. He went to Hollywood looking for work as a magician and signed a contract with Columbia pictures. After his movie career, he went back on the road doing magic once again. He first carried his show in his car, then he got a trailer put behind the car. Then he bought a truck, then a semi-trailer truck before purchasing an airplane and then a 100 foot sailing vessel. He was then able to take his show from Hawaii and up to Japan and down to Singapore, the Philippines, and Australia.



John performing the dancing hank

He is an amazing Man & Magician!



John performed an executioner trick on me. He placed a bag on my head then pulled a rope through my neck.

The Magic & Illusion show season 3

It's official! We are done with the planning and the scripting of the new Magic & Illusion show. This year's show is based on the old "I love Lucy" TV show.

Natalie wants to do magic in the show and I won't let her, but my wishes are undermined by her doing magic behind my back during the show. In the end I believe she will steal the show. She has worked really hard on her magic and I have all the faith in her. Even though I give her a hard time on stage I'm really proud of her taking such an interest and she actually came up with a lot of the ideas for this year's show.

The best thing about this show is the fact that not only are we doing a magic show but we are also putting on a play with a story line. That is something that is missing in a lot of magic shows nowadays.

I am really proud of this year's show and I hope you can make it out to see us this year.

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Copperfield's Assistant was hurt in live show



On December 17th 2008 during a live performance at MGM Grand Hotel a male assistant who was in his mid twenties was pulled into an industrial fan right before the trick started. The assistant, who is only known as Brandon, was turning the fan towards the audience so they could feel the bursts of air when he was pulled in. According to some audience members they heard a thump and saw a lot of blood. Another assistant hit the stop button on the fan and the curtain came down. Brandon was rushed to the hospital and Copperfield walked out on stage and asked the audience to wait while everything was worked out. Then a couple of minutes later he had to let the audience know the show would not continue. According to reports Brandon was cut up pretty bad on his face and arm and he also suffered multiple fractures to his arm. Copperfield made sure he was there at the hospital when Brandon woke up. Brandon was released in only 2 days. After reviewing the tape it was deemed a freak accident. David has performed this over 4,000 times. He said the only way we would take this effect out of the show is if the audience starts to complain.

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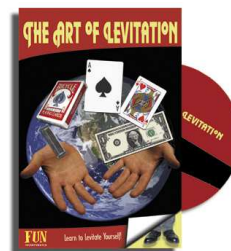
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Teach a trick / The worlds easiest card trick

Card effects don't have to be difficult to be great

Effect: You take out a deck of cards and ask the spectator to shuffle it thoroughly. You then ask him to name any two cards (just the name of the card, without the suit). After the spectator names two cards, you put your hand on the deck of cards, and concentrate hard on it. After a minute or so, you ask the spectator to turn over the deck of cards and fan through it. Astonishingly, the cards that he names are right next to each other.

You Need: A deck of cards .

Secret: You are playing the odds the only thing you have to do for this trick is to act like you are really concentrating very hard on the cards when you put your hand on them. That's all! This trick simply works! All by itself!

When the spectator names two cards (remember to tell him not to name the suit), let's say Ace and Ten, he is really naming four cards of each kind since the suit is not specified. The theory is that out of those eight cards (Ace of Spades, **Ace of Hearts**, Ace of Clubs, **Ace of Diamonds**, Ten of Spades, **Ten of Hearts**, Ten of Clubs, **Ten of Diamonds**), at least one of the Aces in the deck will be next to one of the Tens. Don't believe this? Try it out! About 10% of the time, there may be a card between the Ace and the Ten. If that happens, simply tell the spectator that you are not concentrating hard enough. When you repeat the trick, it will work. You can never find a trick that's easier than this one!

Note: This trick can be done to the same spectator a few times, but if you do it too many times, they will eventually figure it out. So, don't overdo this one!